Remarks:

This amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to advance this case to issue without delay. The examiner has indicated that the case contains allowable subject matter.

In view of the newly cited reference, US 429632 of Martyn listed in the attached PTO-1449, claim 31 was amended to recite the feedthrough plate described in allowable claim 15. The description of the feedthrough plate was changed somewhat from that of claim 15 as there was no antecedent basis for the term "outer compartment."

In addition some minor changes were made in claim 15 that do not affect the scope of this claim.

If only minor problems that could be corrected by means of a telephone conference stand in the way of allowance of this

case, the examiner is invited to call the undersigned to make the necessary corrections.

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